

ALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and



Chief Public Health Inspector
and Housing Manager

for the year

1968

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**REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1968**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for 1968, prepared according to the instructions of the Department of Health.

So far as notifiable disease is concerned, there is little to report. Infectious jaundice was added to the notifiable list during the year and nine cases were reported subsequently. The disease has been known for many years and the Department of Health now wishes to collect information about its prevalence. There is a form which occurs in drug addicts and some have been discovered only through their becoming ill.

The Hong Kong influenza epidemic predicted for the autumn did not materialise in the town but arrangements were made to vaccinate Council workers.

This year I include a paragraph on the work of the Family Planning Clinic, which is now established as a very worth-while addition to the Health Services in the Town.

Vaccination against Measles was introduced during the year with apparent good effect, although the number of parents who accepted it for their children was rather disappointing.

The work of meat inspection continues to occupy a large proportion of the time of the Public Health Inspectors.

In conclusion, I should like to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support and interest during the year also Mr. Ling and my staff in the Public Health Department for their willing and efficient work.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

I. H. C. MORTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

Part 1

General

There has been no further building of Council Houses during the year but private development continues steadily on the hill-sides to the north-west of the town. This is within already existing planning agreements.

Further discussion took place with Hampshire County Council on future planning and certain modifications were made to the proposals. Some re-building goes on in the Town Centre in the light of future intentions but the shadow of Government policy still lies heavily over the hoped-for expansion.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population at mid-year is 10,460. This is 220 up on 1967. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) accounts for 101 of these, leaving only 119 for the occupants of the new houses.

Reconstruction of the sewage works is proceeding well, as described later.

Health of the Town

Infectious Diseases

There was very little notifiable disease during the year. It was known that episodes of diarrhoea and vomiting, apparently infectious, occurred in March and again in May among children in Primary Schools but no causal organism was ever found.

Infectious Hepatitis

This was made notifiable in June and nine cases were notified thereafter. In the investigations, it appeared likely that for each known case there were several others among the close contacts, not all of them ill enough to consult a doctor. There was usually nothing to suggest the method of spread from one household to another. Five cases were aged 5 - 9 and two were 10 - 14 but this may only bear out the theory that most adults have an acquired immunity.

Measles

The last epidemic was in 1966 - 67, when there were 61 cases in October - December '66 and 141 in January - March '67. In '67 - '68 there were no cases at all during these months. Vaccination against Measles was started in May 1968 as described under Immunisation. There were only 5 cases of the disease during the year (and 98 in January-March '69). As I said in last years report the pattern of epidemics has been irregular in recent years but the figures certainly suggest a benefit from vaccination.

Leptospirosis

A case was reported in the Rural District which apparently arose through the patients being in contact with rats in the town. It is more fully described by the C.P.H.I.

Venereal Diseases

No cases of Syphilis were reported.

There were five cases of Gonorrhoea and one of monilial infection. None of them were under 21 years old.

Tuberculosis

No new cases were recorded during the year.

There have been two in the past five years.

Infectious Diseases notified during the past five years

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	2	6
Whooping Cough	3	-	-	3	2
Measles	192	19	79	155	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	2	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	384	-
Infectious Hepatitis	not notifiable				9

Causes of Death

The total number of deaths is higher than in previous years and the increase is mainly among women in the over 85 age group.

The chief cause is coronary and other heart diseases.

Lung Cancer remains at 4.

There were two infant deaths - one from prematurity and one from a congenital defect and two children under five died from the late effects of congenital conditions.

Immunisation

In Autumn 1968, a new scheme was introduced by the Department of Health based on the view that better immunity was achieved by postponing all immunisation until the age of six months.

The scheme now is :—

Triple Antigen	}	at 6 months
(Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus)		at 8 months
Poliomyelitis		at 14 months

Measles at 15 months
Smallpox about 16 months

Booster Dose of Diptheria, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis

Revaccination for Smallpox at 5 years or school entry

BCG Vaccination (against Tuberculosis)

13 years (earlier if local conditions require it)

Booster Dose of Poliomyelitis, Tetanus

Revaccination for Smallpox 15-19 years or on leaving school

In May, vaccination against Measles was introduced. At first, owing to shortage of supplies, it was limited to the age group 4 - 7, but by the end of the year was open to all children from 1 to 16. During the years 1960 - 67 there have been 1,333 children born in the town and 597 cases of measles notified. Yet only 230 children have been brought for vaccination.

The following tables show the immunisations recorded during the year :—

Date of Birth	Triple		Polio		Measles	Smallpox	
	Prim.	Bstr.	Prim.	Bstr.		Prim.	Re-vacc.
1968	54	-	-	-	-	9	-
1967	88	19	37	4	20	109	-
1966	8	39	93	7	24	22	5
1965	-	5	10	3	37	-	-
1961-64	11*	183	2	167	137	-	-
Others, under 16	4*	117	10	41	17	5	20
Totals	165	363	158	222	235	145	25

*4 of these received Dipth.—Tet. only.

B.C.G.

No. of children 13 and upwards HEAF Tested	No. of children found positive	No. of children given B.C.G.
295	39	240

Immunisation State of the Town

The following table shows the immunisation state of children born in 1964 - 1968.

Born in	Immunised Against			
	Triple	Polio	Measles	Smallpox
1964 (203)	181 (89%)	163 (80%)	43	123 (60%)
1965 (206)	176 (85%)	160 (78%)	40	140 (68%)
1966 (227)	199 (88%)	194 (85%)	29	145 (64%)
1967 (189)	169 (89%)	162 (87%)	26	77 (41%)
1968 (233)	80	60	—	2

The figures shown as born in the respective years are the birth notifications, adjusted for transfers in and out. The number immunised are the numbers of record cards held.

Hospital Services

A new District Hospital of 570 beds is to be built at Basingstoke. The first stage should be open in late 1969 and the whole about mid 1973.

The Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital continues to provide a Casualty service during ordinary working hours but the staffing difficulties persist and a 24 hour service cannot be maintained.

The Maternity Unit at Alton General Hospital, staffed by the General Practitioners, continues and it is expected to do so after the new District Hospital is built.

The Elderly

The Warden accomodation remains full with a small waiting list.

Plans have been drawn for the new residential Home which the County Council is going to build.

Meals on Wheels

I am indebted to Mrs. Harckham for the following notes :—

The demand is still increasing, although the individual recipients change. 2,099 meals were provided during the year at a charge of 1/6. We are most fortunate in having the catering done by the Alton House Hotel, whose Proprietor takes a personal interest in the service.

The British Red Cross Society has opened a lunch club at their headquarters in Normandy St. and this is growing fast. About 35 lunches are served on three days per week at a charge of 2/-.

Home Accidents

I am indebted to the Records Department of the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital for the following information about accidents which required attention at hospital.

There were 63 in all - much less than last year (110).

20 were children under 5, 6 were under 2
(in 1967 the figures were 53 and 27).

8 were over 60 and 6 of these were falls.

It is pleasing to record this diminution in the number of young children hurt this year.

Road Accidents

I am indebted to the Chief Constable of Hampshire for the following information :—

There were 2 fatal accidents in the District and 17 serious injuries.

In the County generally, the casualties were the lowest for five years but unfortunately, there were more deaths. In every class of road users, it was the young ones who were the most vulnerable. The Chief Constable makes the point that children under five cannot be expected to judge accurately the speed and distance of approaching vehicles. They should be taught their kerb drill and be set a good example by their parents but even so, should not be allowed alone on busy roads.

The worst time of day for accidents remains 4 - 6 p.m.

The figures for children going to and from school in the winter months when Standard Time was in force actually shows an improvement on the same months in 1967.

Health Education

This is becoming increasingly important as a measure for promoting the health of the community.

Early detection of Cancer is one step towards reducing the effects of the disease. Two excellent leaflets by the Cancer Association on cancer of the breast and the bowel were circulated to organisations and were made available at the Public Health Office.

Education in personal relationships is becoming more and more accepted as a normal part of general education for adult life. Most of the teaching is done by school staff and the school doctor's talks on medical aspects and the emotional and moral issues are given as integral parts of the schools' course.

Other topics - leaflets on Influenza, Smoking and Childrens safety were distributed. Food Hygiene was publicised during the summer.

Family Planning

I am indebted to Dr. Margaret Lloyd of the Alton Family Planning Clinic for the following information.

Since its start in 1966, the Clinic has amply justified its existence.

During 1968 approximately 900 patients attended, of whom 222 were new. The majority required advice on contraception and of these 325 were advised the Pill and 215 other methods. In addition, patients were advised on sub-fertility and marital difficulties of various sorts - an aspect of Family Planning which deserves to be more generally appreciated than it is.

The Clinic also takes specimens for cervical cytology. Two positive specimens were found out of 170 taken and the patients were referred for appropriate treatment.

Water Supplies

Samples have been satisfactory. Natural flouride is less than one part per million.

Sewage

The enlargement of the sewage works is now well advanced although not actually in use by the end of the year. Priority was given to sludge drying beds and to tertiary land treatment of effluent and these measures alone are expected to produce a marked improvement.

A Works Manager was appointed in January and he has been able to get maximum efficiency out of existing facilities as well as being an interested observer of the new work being done.

Swimming Bath

The swimming bath had another successful season. No complaints of health matters were received. Regular inspection and sampling showed consistently satisfactory conditions.

National Assistance Act, 1948

No action was required

Provision of General Health Services

Ambulance

Provided by Hampshire County Council.

Application is made as under :—

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Aldershot Ambulance Station (Tel. Ald. 22244).
Postal Application	
Weekdays, 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.	Central Ambulance Station, Winchester. (Tel. 61644).
Weekends, Saturday to Monday, 8 a.m.	
Public Holidays, all day	

Child Welfare

A Clinic is held at the Inwood Health Clinic every Tuesday and two Fridays a month from 2—4 p.m.

Welfare Foods

Foods are distributed at Inwood Clinic on Tuesdays, 2—4 p.m.

Ante Natal

Clinic—every Thursday at 2 p.m., at Alton General Hospital.

Relaxation Class—every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., at Inwood Clinic.

Family Planning

A Clinic is held at Alton General Hospital at 2 p.m. on Thursday afternoons.

Health Visiting

The Health Visitors for Alton are :—

Mrs. J. E. Morrow, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., 13, Whitedown, Alton.
Tel. Alton 2097.

Miss D. McKenzie, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., c/o. East Worldham Manor. Tel. East Worldham 3191.

They are based at Inwood Clinic

Midwifery and Home Nursing

The Nurse Midwives for Alton are :—

Mrs. M. A. Staples, S.R.N., S.C.M., 1 Pond Cotages, Chawton. Tel. Alton 2379. Attached to the practice of Drs. Larcombe, Shortt and Wilks.

Mrs. E. W. Roylance, S.R.N., S.C.M., 8 Hall Road, Alton. Tel. Alton 2079. All other work in Alton.

Home Help Service

Application is made to the Divisional Organiser at the Town Hall, Petersfield, Tel. Petersfield 3383 (new number), accompanied by a Medical Certificate.

Laboratory Service

Bacteriological examinations are made at the Public Health Laboratory, Winchester, and in emergencies at the Laboratory at Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital.

Chemical analysis are done by arrangement with the Public Analyst, Portsmouth.

I should like to record my thanks to the respective Directors for their kindness and co-operation.

School Health Service

Clinics are held as follows :—

Orthopaedic—Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital.

E.N.T.—Alton General Hospital.

Dental—School Dental Centre, Old Odiham Road, and at Schools.

Ophthalmic and Orthoptic—Alton General Hospital and once a month at Inwood Clinic.

Speech—Inwood Clinic.

Child Guidance—Aldershot.

Tuberculosis

Chest Clinics are held at :—

Aldershot—Northfield Hospital. Tel. Aldershot 21365.

Basingstoke—Basingstoke General Hospital.
Basingstoke 5001.

Winchester—Royal Hampshire County Hospital.
Tel. Winchester 5151.

Mass X-ray

A weekly session (by Doctor's appointment) is held in Farnham by the Surrey Mass X-ray Unit.

Public sessions are held from time to time in Alton by the Hampshire Mass X-ray.

Venereal Diseases

Clinics are held at :—

Aldershot General Hospital

Men—Monday, 12—1 p.m., Wednesday, 4—6 p.m.

Women—Monday, 11—12 p.m., Wednesday, 2—4 p.m.

Winchester—Royal Hampshire County Hospital

Men and Women (separate Clinics), Monday, 2.30—4 p.m., Tuesday, 3—4.30 p.m.

Welfare

The Service was re-organised during the year as under :—

Senior Area Welfare Officer—

Mr. E. W. T. Bonney, Manor Park House, Aldershot.
Tel. Aldershot 23941.

Area Social Worker—

Mr. W. T. Pepper, 70, High Street, Alton.
Tel. Alton 3853.

Services provided by the Welfare Department cover—

Temporary accomodation for homeless families

Preventive work to avoid evictions

Registration of private Old Peoples Homes.

Assistance to Old People in finding lodgings or private home accomodation.

Special Housing for Old People

Meals on Wheels and grants to Old Peoples Clubs

Services for the Blind—

The Hampshire Association for Care of the Blind acts as agent of the County Council to provide—

Homes and other accomodation

Home teaching and Home working facilities

Wireless sets and library facilities

Shop for workers products (in Winchester)

Services for the Deaf—

The Hampshire Association for the Deaf acts as agent for the County Council to provide services and clubs

Services for the Handicapped Persons generally—

The British Red Cross Society acts as an agent to provide—

Visitors

Loan of Aids and Equipment to home workers and to disabled
persons

Instruction in handicrafts

Clubs for disabled persons and for old people including lunch-
eon clubs

Transport and escorts

Holidays

Rehabilitation of Gypsy Families

Centres have been established (one in Bordon area) to rehabilitate gypsy families as a preliminary to permanent housing by local authorities.

Part II (STATISTICS)

General Statistics

Area in Acres	...	...	...	4085
Rateable Value	...	...	..	£506096
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	...	...	...	£1990
Population (mid 1968)	...	...	...	10460
Number of Rateable Dwellings	...	...	...	4316

Medical Statistics

Live Births

Total Number	...	...	...	225
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	21.5
„ (adjusted by Comp. factor, 0.97)	...	...	...	20.8
„ for England and Wales	...	...	...	16.9
Illegitimate as percentage of Total	...	...	...	3.1

Still Births

Number (all legitimate)	2
Rate per 1,000 all births	9

Total Births

Live and still	227
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Deaths

Total Number	124
Rate per 1,000 population	11.9
„ (adjusted by Comp. factor, 0.96)	11.4
„ for England and Wales	...	...	...	11.9
Infants (both legitimate and under 1 week)	...	...	...	2

Infant Mortality Rates

Total (per 1,000 live births, all under 1 week) ...	9
Perinatal (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 all births)	18

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Total Number	nil
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Causes of Death

	Diseases	Male	Female	Total
18	Late effect of Poliomyelitis ...	-	1	1
19.2	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung ...	3	1	4
19.3	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	-	2	2
19.6	Malignant Neoplasm, others ...	2	6	8
19.5	Leukaemia	-	2	2
21	Diabetes	-	1	1
26	Rheumatic Heart Disease, chronic	-	3	3
27	Hypertensive Disease	1	1	2
28	Ischaemic Heart Disease (Coronary etc.)	15	13	28
29	Other forms of Heart Disease ...	4	10	14
30	Cerebro Vascular Disease	8	9	17
46.5	Other Circulatory Disease ...	3	5	8
31	Influenza	2	3	5
32	Pneumonia	4	4	8
33.1	Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	3	9
46.6	Other Respiratory Disease	-	1	1
34	Peptic Ulcer	1	1	2
36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	2	2
38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1
46.9	Diseases of Skin	-	1	1
42	Congenital Abnormalities	-	1	1
43	Prematurity	1	-	1
45	Other ill-defined conditions ...	1	-	1
48	Accidents (other than motor vehicle) ...	-	2	2
	All causes	51	73	124

The serial numbers are from List “B” of the International Classification of Diseases, 1967.

Deaths according to ages

Age Group	Under 4 weeks	1—	5—	15—	45—	55—	65—	75—	85—	95—
Male	1	1	-	-	2	6	22	11	6	2
Female	1	1	1	1	4	9	7	10	34	5
Total	2	2	1	1	6	15	29	21	40	7

ALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector/Housing Manager for the year ended 31st December, 1968

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for the year 1968. from which you will note that the Improvement Area is now practically completed, and before the Council can consider nominating a further area, new legislation in the form of the Housing Bill now before Parliament will be approved and a greater incentive will be available for the improvement of tenanted houses.

I wish to record my thanks to Dr. Morton and the staff of the Public Health Department for their support and ready assistance during the past year.

DUDLEY M. LING

Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Manager

SECTION 1

Public Health Acts

Complaints

The number of complaints registered during the year was again exceedingly small and none warranted formal or legal action.

Public Conveniences

The standard of cleanliness maintained was very good. and no complaints were received by the Department.

Hot and Cold water was maintained to the washbasins permitting hands to be washed after use of the toilets and every opportunity was taken to again impress this need to the Public.

Factories

The Council is responsible for enforcing those portions of the Factories Act relating to sanitary accomodation in all factories but in factories where no mechanical power is used the provisions relating to cleanliness, overcrowding, workroom temperature and floor drainage are enforced.

The particulars prescribed on the administration of the Acts is shown in Appendix table 1.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Quarterly and Annual Returns are required by the Ministry of Labour in accordance with Section 60 of the Act and the statistics are set out in Appendix Table II.

Registration is only necessary where employees work more than 21 hrs each week and family businesses employing no outside labour are exempt.

All accidents reported were investigated but no legal proceedings were considered necessary.

Pet Shops, Game Dealers, Scrap Metal Dealers

All these trades require annual licences from the Council and their premises were inspected and approved before relicencing. The lists are set out in Appendix Table III.

SECTION II

Housing Circumstances

Housing Acts

Informal Notices requiring repair of houses were served during the year but formal or legal action was not necessary to obtain compliance.

Improvement Area

There remains now only 4 cases outstanding to complete the Compulsory Improvement Area No. 1, and with the impending new legislation on this subject it was considered inopportune to create a further area at this time.

The new Housing Bill will permit further increases in rent, allow for larger grants and generally supersede the powers contained in the Housing Act, 1957.

Rent Acts

Advice was given throughout the year, on these Acts and the Register of Rents set by the Rent Officer is available for inspection in the Public Health Department.

Moveable Dwellings

The two small licensed sites were maintained and Alton is fortunate in not having large sites for "permanent" moveable dwellings.

Housing Management

Only two new dwelling's were provided during the year, being two one bedroom gas warm-air centrally heated bungalows which were allocated to two elderly Council tenants residing in three bedroom houses.

The list of allocations and exchanges are set out in Appendix Table V.

Special Housing for the Elderly

The two Wardens Area's, one at Carlings, Queens Road, the other comprising Eastbrook Road, Victoria Road East, and part of Nursery Road continued to operate most successfully under Mrs. V. Gardner and Mrs. D. Castleman and their respective Deputy Wardens, Mrs. M. Phillips and Mrs. P. M. Hicks permitting the Wardens to have time off and the system to be operational at all times.

SECTION III

Supervision of Food and Food Premises

Milk Suppliers

All Milk retailed in the District is either "Pasteurized," "Sterilized," "Ultra Heat Treated" or "Tuberculin Tested," and licences to use these special designations are issued by the Council under powers delegated by the Hampshire County Council.

No samples were submitted for analysis by the Council as the supplies originate from other areas where routine sampling is carried out at source.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

No Raw or Untreated Milk is retailed in the area and no samples of milk were submitted for analysis for the presence of Brucella Abortus.

Two samples of cream were submitted for analysis and found to be negative.

Ice Cream

No Ice Cream is manufactured in the area but there are 55 Premises registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream.

Meat Inspection

The Slaughterhouse at Kent Lane continued to operate under the Management of Alton Meats Ltd., a subsidiary company of Messrs. E. Brown and Sons, Queensway, Southampton.

Tables showing incidence of disease and condemnations are set out in Appendix, Tables VI, VII, VIII and X.

Revenues from the slaughterhouse towards Meat Inspections totalled £998.16.0.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

Alton Market

The Food Stalls in the Market Square and on Messrs. Martin and Stratfords market continued to give a service and no infringements required statutory action.

Food offered for sale in the Auction Hall was inspected regularly and some rabbits and poultry were condemned.

(see Appendix Table IV).

Food and Drugs

The Hampshire County Council is the authority responsible for the operation of Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, namely any food and drug not being of the nature or substance or of the quality demanded by the purchaser. I am indebted to Mr. J. S. Preston M.I.W.M.A., Chief Sampling Officer of the Hampshire County Council for his report as follows :—

During the year ended the 31st March, 1969, 40 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of the Alton Urban District Council.

Milk Samples

15 samples of milk, including 5 of Channel Islands, were obtained. All were found to be satisfactory.

Miscellaneous Samples

25 samples of articles other than milk were obtained, four being the subject of adverse reports.

The adverse reports were in respect of :—

A sample of yoghurt which did not bear a label showing the required statement of ingredients and a similar sample which, while stated to be fat free, was found to contain 1.2% of butter fat. Also, in the latter case, a leaflet with the product referred to goats milk whereas the ingredients included a reference to “skim-milk.” Both these matters were referred to a neighbouring Authority in whose area the articles were produced.

A cornish pasty contaminated with mould, which was submitted for analysis as a result of a consumer complaint. Legal proceedings were instituted and a fine of £15, with costs of £10.10s. was imposed.

An apple tart contaminated with mould which was, again, the subject of a consumer complaint. Legal proceedings resulted in a Conditional Discharge with costs amounting to £8.7s.

General

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the Provisions of the Labelling of Food

Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. There were no serious complaints concerning these matters.

Pesticide Residues

The results obtained during the first year of the recent programme of sampling of food stuffs for Pesticide Residues indicated a satisfactory situation in the County area. Full results for the second year are not yet available.

SECTION IV

Pest Control

Numbers of infestations by rats and mice for the year 1968 were about the same as 1967. Mice are still the main problem to control for the operative, these being field mice which enter houses and are very selective in what they eat.

During the year there were several odd complaints, not strictly pest, including such things as Devils Coachhorses and a group of wild cats, advice only being given on all of these.

Rabbit problems declined for the year but fleas show an increase.

A case of Leptospirosis discovered in the Rural Area was believed to have been caused by handling pigeon baskets contaminated by rat excreta and urine whilst stored in a private garage within the town, but as the infestation was satisfactorily eradicated immediately rat damage was discovered and prior to the case of leptospirosis being identified, it was not possible to collect specimens from rats for examination.

The garage, premises and surrounding area have received monthly visits since that date and no further infestation has occurred.

APPENDIX

TABLE I

Factories Act, 1961

Registered Premises and Inspections

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	51	30	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total...	53	32	-	-

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total...	-	-	-	-	-

Outwork

Nature of Work	Section 133				Section 134	
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Making Wearing Apparel (1)						
Total...	18	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE II

Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act

Class of Premises	No. of prem. regd. during the year	Total no. of regd. prem. at end of year	No. of persons employed	No. of regd. prem. receiv- ing a general inspection during year	No. of visits of all kinds to regd. premises
Offices	2	39	247	22	129
Retail Shops	4	95	478	24	
Wholesale Shops	-	4	8	-	
Warehouses	-	-	-	-	
Catering Establishments open to the public	1	13	101	1	
Canteens	nil	1	7	1	
Fuel Storage Depots					
Totals	7	152	841	47	

TABLE III

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Licence Holders

Mr. E. Deller	...	...	...	Alton Market.
M. A. Rose & Son (Farnham), Ltd.	...	...	...	23, Market Street.
Messrs. Martin & Stratford	...	...	...	Alton Market.
Mr. H. J. Smith	...	...	...	124, London Road, Alton.
Mr. & Mrs. R. Fielding	...	...	...	1, Normandy Street, Alton.

Local Government Act, 1894

Game Dealers Licence Holders

Messrs. Martin & Stratford	...	...	...	Alton Market.
Messrs. P. L. Mortara	...	...	...	64, High Street.
Mr. K. Reed	...	...	...	4, Normandy Street.
Mr. G. Ware	...	...	...	29, Market Street.
Joyce & Lucas Ltd.	...	...	...	78c High Street.
Mr. W. Morgan	...	...	...	18/20 Market Street.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Registered Metal Dealers Premises

Mr. F. Lee	...	...	...	...	Mill Lane.
Mr. H. Davis	...	...	...	...	Mount Pleasant Road.
Mr. C. Gale	...	...	...	...	1, Cut Pound, Tanhouse Lane

TABLE IV

Housing Acts.

(a) Unfit houses demolished Toll Gate Cottage, 82 High Street.	1
Unfit houses closed 6, Kent Lane.	1
(b) Improvement Area No. 1	
Number of houses included in area	87
Number of tenanted houses lacking one or more of the essential ammenities	27
Number of Preliminary Improvement Notices served	26
Number of Suspended Notices issued	4
Works Completed	6
(c) Outside Improvement Area	
Improvements completed	5

TABLE V

Council Dwellings Allocation.

Allocations		Source of Accommodation	
From Waiting List	36	New Dwellings	-
From Key Workers	6	Vacancies	46
For Staff	4	Tenancy Transfers and	
Exchanges and Transfers	36	Exchanges	36
From Slum Clearance	-		
Total	82	Total	82

TABLE VI

Voluntary Surrender of Unsound Food.

Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	29 lbs.
Meat (other than at Slaughterhouse)						54 lbs.
Turkeys	...	...	...	...	...	1
Chickens	...	...	...	...	...	10
Rabbits	...	...	...	...	...	5
Canned Food	...	...	...	...	...	291 lbs.
Frozen Food	...	...	...	...	...	400 lbs.
Pigeons	...	...	...	...	...	12

TABLE VII
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Type of Business	No. of Premises	Reg. 16	Regulation 19	
		Premises Fitted To Comply	Premises to which Applicable	Premises Fitted to Comply
Caterers	13	13	13	13
Butchers	11	11	11	11
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Grocers	29	29	29	29
Greengrocers	10	10	10	10
Bakehouses	2	2	2	2
Breadshops	3	3	3	3
Breweries	3	3	3	3
Hotels	7	7	7	7
Canteens	2	2	2	2
School Canteens	7	7	7	7
Public Houses	13	13	13	13
Off Licences	5	5	5	5
Slaughterhouses	1	1	1	1
Egg Stations	1	1	1	1
Market Stalls	7	7	-	-
Food Auctions	1	1	-	-
Confectioners	7	7	7	7
Chemists	3	3	3	3
Mobile Traders	3	3	-	-

TABLE VIII

Animal Carcasses Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed and Inspected	3300	2028	6664	8726
All diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci :				
Whole carcase condemned	26	36	14	41
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	887	12	161	874
Percentage of the number inspected infected with diseases other than T.B. or Cysticerci ...	27.69%	2.37%	2.62%	10.48%
Tuberculosis only :				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	44
Percentage of the number inspected infected with T.B. ... ..	..	-	.	0.50%
Cysticercosis :				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	..
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-

TABLE IX

**Animal Diseases for which Whole Carcases and Organs were
Condemned.**

Disease	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Abnormal Odour ...	1	-	-	-	1
Abscesses ...	-	1	-	17	18
Anaemia ...	-	-	1	-	1
Bruising ...	1	1	-	-	2
Emaciation ...	-	-	-	2	2
Immaturity ...	-	2	-	-	2
Milk Fever ...	2	-	-	-	2
Moribund ...	-	-	-	3	3
Oedema ...	-	9	-	3	12
Oedema Emaciation ...	14	-	8	-	22
Pyæmia ...	-	7	-	-	7
Pyrexia ...	2	7	3	3	15
Septicaemia ...	-	-	-	1	1
Septic Mastitis ...	-	-	1	-	1
Septic Metritis ...	1	-	-	3	4
Septic Peritonitis ...	1	2	1	4	8
Septic Pleurisy ...	-	3	-	2	5
Septic Pneumonia ...	3	4	-	2	9
Swine Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	1	1
Uraemia ...	1	-	-	-	1
	26	36	14	41	117

TABLE X

**Animal Diseases for which Organs and Part Carcases were
Condemned.**

Disease	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Heads :					
Abscess	6	-	-	24	30
Actino Bacillosis ...	3	-	-	23	26
Bruising	2	2	4	3	11
Degenerated Cysts ...	2	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	44	44
Lungs :					
Abscess	1	-	-	-	1
Congestion	-	-	-	8	8
Emphysema	8	-	-	-	8
Parasitic	22	-	-	-	22
Pleurisy	45	-	30	48	123
Pneumonia	48	10	35	88	181
Hearts :					
Degenerated Cysts ...	2	-	-	-	2
Pericarditis	4	-	-	30	34
Livers :					
Abscess	108	-	2	3	113
Angioma	222	-	-	-	222
Cirrhosis	18	-	-	8	26
Fatty Infiltration ...	12	-	3	-	15
Necrosis	6	-	-	2	8
Parasitic	287	-	68	455	810
Peritonitis	18	-	8	48	74
Kidneys :					
Hydronephrosis ...	12	-	-	18	30
Udders :					
Abscess	4	-	-	6	10
Part Carcases :					
Abnormality	3	-	-	4	7
Abscess	7	-	-	32	39
Arthritis	16	-	6	16	38
Bruising	10	-	3	8	21
Injury	21	-	2	6	29
	887	12	161	874	1934

TABLE XI

Pest Control

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricultural	Business Industrial	Total
1 No. of premises inspected	25	425	2	47	499
2 No. of premises found to be infested by rats	12	98	2	9	121
3 No. of premises found to be infested by mice	-	20	-	3	23
4 No. of inspected premises treated by Council	12	118	2	12	144
5 No. of block control schemes carried out		14			14

